

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 182
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor the achievements of Wallace Keith Joyner and to welcome him to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those citizens of our nation who after completing careers as athletes in professional sports continue to make contributions of their time and effort to promote sports activities for the youth of America; and

WHEREAS, one such accomplished athlete is former first baseman for the California Angels, Kansas City Royals, San Diego Padres, and Atlanta Braves, Wallace Keith "Wally" Joyner; and

WHEREAS, born June 16, 1962 in Atlanta, Georgia, Wally Joyner graduated from Redan High School in Stone Mountain, Georgia where he was an All-County four-year letterman in basketball and also lettered in baseball, culminating in All-State selection in 1980 and selection as Georgia High School "Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyner attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where he majored in Business; he lettered three years at BYU prior to entering the draft and was a second team All-American and a member of the 1983 USA Collegiate All-Star team; and

WHEREAS, Wally Joyner played in the minor leagues for Peoria, Illinois in 1983, Waterbury, Connecticut in 1984 and Edmonton, Alberta in 1985, before being drafted by the California Angels in the third round in 1985; he signed with the Kansas City Royals in December of 1991, was traded to the San Diego Padres in December 1995, was traded to the Atlanta Braves in December 1999, was granted free agency at the end of 2000, and concluded his career in June 2001 playing for the Anaheim Angels; and

WHEREAS, in 16 years in the majors, Mr. Joyner compiled a lifetime batting average of .289, was at bat 7,127 times in 2,033 games, had 2,060 hits of which 204 were home runs, stole

60 bases, and amassed 1,106 runs batted in; an All-Star as a rookie and a strong second for Rookie of the Year in 1986, he was acknowledged for his skills and clutch play in both his minor and major league careers; and

WHEREAS, Wally Joyner is married to the former Leslie Ann Johns, a former Brigham Young University (BYU) gymnast, and they are the parents of Jessica, McKenzie, Crosby and Chase; he is retired from professional baseball and works as a public relations consultant for the San Diego Padres; and

WHEREAS, still an avid supporter of his alma mater, Mr. Joyner will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 20, to participate in the annual BYU golf tournament to benefit local youth scholarships to BYU; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to seize this opportunity to specially recognize and welcome a distinguished and outstanding former player of America's National pastime to Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby welcome Wallace Keith "Wally" Joyner to our State, thank him for his stellar career in baseball and his continuing support of athletic scholarships for America's youth, and wish him every success in the annual BYU golf tournament on April 20 and in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.